



October 15, 2014

Item No. 2

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS TO PROVIDE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP AND APPRENTICESHIP YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHA YOUTH**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or his designee to enter into a contract with After School Matters ("ASM") to provide pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship youth employment opportunities for CHA youth ages 14-18 for a two (2) year base period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, with three one-year options, in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000 for the two-year base term.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The proposed program supports CHA's corporate goal of expanding services to more residents, specifically youth, providing targeted services to residents at critical milestones in their lives.

**FUNDING**

CHA General Fund

**SOLICITATION SUMMARY**

**Vendor:**

After School Matters  
78 West Washington  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Contract Type:	Professional Services
Base Contract Amount:	\$600,000
Base Contract Period:	January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016
Option Years:	Three (3) One-Year Options

**COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

Vendor	M/W/DBE Participation	Section 3 Hiring	Section 3 Subcontracting
After School Matters	20.83%	2 Program Assistants	Other Economic Opportunities: Additional Program Slots

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

CHA's Resident Services Division is charged with engaging youth in out-of-school time and summer activities to support their development. Resident Services seeks to invest in programs that provide some of the city's most vulnerable youth with a safe environment and that are capable of promoting career exploration and educational advancement. Following yet another violent year in Chicago, providing CHA youth with these meaningful and unique opportunities continues to be of utmost importance to CHA youth and Resident Services mission.

ASM's program model is designed to provide all eligible Chicago teens, ages 14-18, with after school and out-of-school time programs. CHA youth are able to apply for any of ASM's 1,000 plus program offerings each year (spring, summer, and fall sessions). This partnership will allow CHA and ASM to continue a data share agreement for the new contract term that has proven to enhance opportunities for CHA youth every year. Through this data share, CHA was able to determine, and locate, more than 2,100 ASM slots filled by CHA youth in the Spring and Summer 2014 alone; however during these two sessions CHA funded only 235 slots. This knowledge allows Resident Services and ASM to collaborate to specifically target youth for existing programs, utilize CHA funding in the most advantageous way possible and contribute to CHA's Plan Forward goals. During the 2015-2016 contract term, CHA will provide funding to support CHA youth in 556 ASM slots. However, based on recent program history, it is anticipated that more than 6,000 ASM slots will be utilized by CHA youth during the two year contract term.

ASM funds year-round programs that provide transferrable skills that youth will be able to use in both the classroom and as they move into the workplace. ASM utilizes a three-tiered program model with pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and advance apprenticeship cohorts, each requiring applicants to possess a great level of skill in the subject area upon entry into the program. Programs fall into one (1) of five (5) content areas: gallery, technology, words, science or sports and are created in partnership with a vast network of schools, neighborhoods, government agencies and community based organizations. ASM offers three (3) terms throughout the calendar year, providing youth engaged year round with over 180 hours of structured programming. It is this unique combination of employment skills development, integration of creativity and focus on social currency that is unmatched by other youth programs and makes ASM an integral part in fulfilling CHA's out-of-school and after-school program needs.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to enter into a contract with After School Matters to provide pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship youth employment opportunities for CHA youth.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to enter into a contract with After School Matters to provide pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship youth employment opportunities for CHA youth ages 14-18 for a two (2) year base period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, with three one-year options, in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000 for the two-year base term.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-99**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated October 15, 2014 entitled "AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS TO PROVIDE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP AND APPRENTICESHIP YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHA YOUTH";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee enter into a contract with After School Matters to provide pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship youth employment opportunities for CHA youth ages 14-18 for a two (2) year base period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, with three one-year options, in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000 for the two-year base term.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3, and insurance requirements.



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